#### LAST UPDATE: 15 OCTOBER 2022

Back at it again with connecting the dots! Please find my previous "dossier" on Logos here.



This document will be focusing on what has been revealed thus far on the Elite Operators of Rhodes Island, the crème de la crème combat force under employ of a totally ordinary pharmaceutical company. Contains a mix of spoilers and speculation, open to discussion. I don't claim to be aware of every piece of relevant lore since I don't have access nor understand the CN text for myself.

<u>"Everyone secretly vowed to dedicate their lives to their work, and</u> <u>some of them made good on that vow."</u>

## **BECOMING A RHODES OPERATOR**

As an aside, to know the vague recruitment process:

Finally, please remember that as members of the HR Department, we would never recruit an unstable person into the ranks of Rhodes Island. That's the most important condition for employment, after all. So the possibilities are twofold - first, the reation is dangerous enough to demand such measures, or econd... we've always known the truth. Or it could be a bit of both. Wouldn't you agree?

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## **KNOWN MEMBERS**

The non-exhaustive list of members include:

- Ace (KIA)
- Scout (KIA)
- Outcast (KIA)
- Logos (Alive as of CH11)
- Whitesmith (ambiguous)
- Mechanist (Alive as of Dorothy's Vision)
- Misery (Alive as of Under Tides, CH9, CH11)
- Raidian (Alive as of CH8)
- Mantra (Elysium's captain, alive as of CH8)
- Pith
- Sharp (Alive as of Break the Ice)
- Touch (Alive as of Rosmontis' onboarding)
- Stormeye (Alive as of Originium Dust)
- Blaze
- Rosmontis

#### NAMED EXCEPTIONS

It's notable that Ascalon, despite what we can assume to be highly competent in combat, is "merely" part of S.W.E.E.P., but still has enough seniority to be counted and/or trusted among the Elites. Tulip (from Caerula Arbor Integrated Strategies) is also <u>notably NOT an Elite</u>, and is "merely" more or less RI's liaison with Iberia.

#### DIVISIONS

They've got their jobs, of course. The assault specialists would be Blaze, Rosmontis and Misery, to our knowledge thus far anyway, as an example. Raidian and Mantra both specialize in comms.

Presumably those with excellent combat scores will be relegated to being frontline attackers.

#### HOW DO YOU BECOME PART OF THE ELITES?



#### Sauce

So, the vote's results... My guess is there are two votes against.

Logos agreed as well, didn't he? Hm? No, I'm not surprised. You may think he doesn't care about anything other than Kazdel affairs, but if that was the case, he wouldn't have agreed to become an elite operator in the first place.

It's just like those two to vote no... Pith was against it, and I suppose that's only natural. I'll persuade them.

Of course, you guys practically forced this one on me. Right, Touch, you guys voted yes. You guys should be the ones to persuade them. I'm merely trying to speed things up.

#### Rosmontis via Gamepress

#### To note:

- You can be chosen to be an Elite when recommended by a member (Ace for Blaze)
- Your aptitude or in Rosmontis' case, a method to provide her an outlet to unleash her destructive forces can get you noticed to be inducted
- Active Elites can vote on your inclusion. It may fall to you to convince your fellow Elites

• Even after due process, you can still be asked if you're willing to be named an Elite i.e. Logos "agreeing", while Ascalon apparently did not?

Kal'tsit	Ever since Rhodes Island was established, we've had many members come and go. I won't say much about that.
Kal'tsit	We welcome those who share our ideology, but, of course, ideologies are not to be imposed on anyone.
Kal'tsit	That said We need members who can walk this journey with us.
Kal'tsit	Blaze, it's natural if you aren't ready, and none of us will force you to do anything.
Kal'tsit	But if you are ready
Kal'tsit	Come to the lower deck of the bridge and open the door to the left of the stairs. We will be waiting for you there.

Blaze walks down the long, dim hallway. The light above her head gently sways as the landship continues its march forward, causing her shadow on the ground to waver side to side as well.

Amiya has accompanied her on the entire journey to this door.

Then she swings it open.

The staircase leading down is long and dark, as though truly bottomless. Blaze takes a deep breath and begins her descent, leaving Amiya behind.

She must walk the rest of the way by herself.

At the bottom of the staircase, Blaze can make out a long table in a room that structurally seems cold as ice, with a warm, yellow light casting upon its steel beams.

Kal'tsit Rhodes Island Frontline Combat Squad, Team Ace, Blaze.

Kal'tsit With everyone in this room as witnesses, I need to know how you feel, and what your decision is.

Kal'tsit > Operator Blaze, will you become one of Rhodes Island's elite operators?

Blaze's Operator Record. Why is her initiation even done in this manner, down this dramatic hallway???????

## "GHOST" MEMBERS

Only dubbing this section as such as we don't know much about them.

## ACE



- Pythia?? That's a tail??
- The man, the legend...
- Blaze's sponsor / mentor, recommended Blaze to join the Elites. Blaze is also formerly Team Ace
- Blaze Now I feel so much more relaxed with you guys here. I was pretty scared when I opened the door.

Ace I recommended you for the job, so of course I'm here.

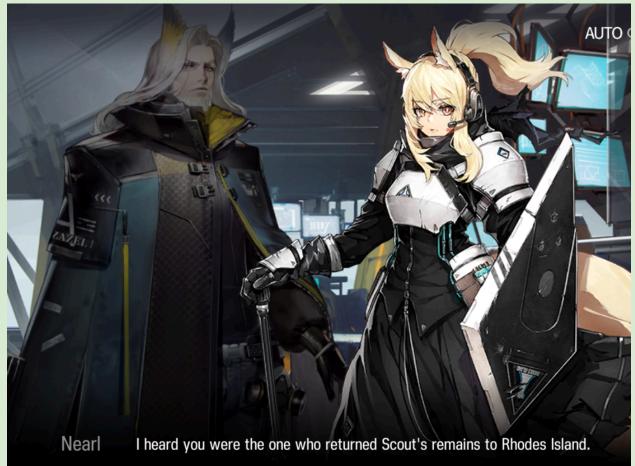
# Kal'tsit > Rhodes Island Frontline Combat Squad, Team Ace, Blaze.

SCOUT



• Raced on stools with Logos

- <u>Really physically strong</u>, yet is a Sniper rather than more close combat operative
- Sprayed the walls with water graffiti
- Hellagur apparently brought back his body
- Sacrificed himself for Guard, the sacrificial lion to ensure the double agents kept their cover



OUTCAST



- Initially assumed dead according to the <u>Damaged Revolver Cylinder Relic</u> from Fungimist
  - "Buried here is Outcast, our friend."
- Clearly older than most
  - "<u>Floorboards made for workstation use</u>. Outcast used to always stand guard outside the office with her weapon drawn, saying that even at her age, she'd shine just as brightly as when she was younger. Nobody who saw her could deny it."
- Likely one of the earliest Elites alongside Ace, due to her high security clearance
- Dies in accordance to the vow all Elites make, protecting the Infected
- Was she also a Laterano executor prior to her being an Elite? "Passing judgement"...
  - Following Guide Ahead, I believe she was formerly a Legatus due to her wearing a hat (only partially a joke) and the Legato's duties involving "clean up"
- YOU'RE A FUCKING COWARD, HYPERGRYPH

MISERY



- Assault specialist
- Ch7-5: "He'll wave his hand and it'll all be done"
- Also name-dropped in Under Tides

Kal'tsit Go back to Rhodes Island. Misery will pick you up near the northeastern border. Don't take the waterways this time.

- Speaking of Under Tides, apparently it was anti-climatic to find him since he already took care of all the trouble lol
- Collects mementos of his fellow fallen Elites? To confirm
- Associated with Horn in Victoria arc, having found her

#### WHITESMITH

- Writes Rosmontis' Elite 2 file
- Ambiguous situation. "Slowed down" at some point
- Extremely talented at engineering

#### RAIDIAN

• Motherly, apparently to the point of smothering

#### MANTRA

- Elysium's captain
- Likely a sniper
- Mute?
  - Her "speech" is rendered as quotes, spoken by Elysium

#### MECHANIST



- If they don't want to talk, they seem to just retort with "I'm busy"
- Seems to be the other EO closest to Logos, considered good partners together
- According to Arene's story in Rewinding Breeze, the workshop team seems to love fucking around with their code names. In that case, Mechanist having this name seems to imply he's a no-nonsense kind of person, and certainly has no love lost for W
- "Sleep and death are one and the same" sounds really pessimistic
- <u>Designed Blaze's weapon</u>. Could they be the "special friend" who installed Blaze's pacemaker?
  - Helped Ace train Blaze
  - Designed Greyy the Lightningbearer's weapon
- Likely Sarkaz, if they're familiar with how W works Turns out he's a giraffe
- Confirmed male

- Highly meticulous, and definitely a workaholic
- Kind of notorious for either getting too absorbed in work and ignores people (everyone in Engineering seem like weirdos or savants...) or just can't be bothered to give most others the time

Blaze	When you and Mechanist took me out for special training last time, I almost got sliced into two, right through my belly button!
Ace	Well, we were tuning your new weapon for you. Making it as destructive as you wanted it to be wasn't an easy thing. Mechanist spent days at his workbench just to get it done.
Ace	You should've seen the sketches he shredded. He used so much paper, Logistics gave him an earful.
Ace	Right, Mechanist is working on improvements too. Be sure to talk to him. He'll take a look.
Blaze	No problem. I'll go check on him right away! And even if he keeps me knocking on his door for hours again, I'm not going to complain.
Ace	I doubt he'll put you through that. You'll get to see him pretty soon.
Mechanist Okay, enough. Let's get down to business, and once this is done, come with me to the workshop. I want to tune that guy for you a little more.	

- Might honestly care more about making his work perfect, though it doesn't necessarily mean he's completely uncaring about his fellow Elites.
- Another relatively generic design (when compared to Rosmontis, Blaze)



Arknights Story Log added a new photo.

Mechanist: "I'm just a mechanic, Doc.... "

Also Mechanist: Blocked Saria's calcium punch and paralyzed eleven Power Armor on his own

Mechanist's Lore

- Mechanist once worked at Columbia, his creations was ripped off by big corporations which eventually made him choose to join Rhodes Island.

- Closure admires and fears Mechanist, because Mechanist often ask her to doubles as a target when testing his new weapon.

- Doctor considered Mechanist and Logos as good friends, Mechanist agreed that Logos was indeed a good friend, but his rhetoric often troubled his work.

- Mechanist often emphasized that he is just a mechanic and when he is on the field missions, he will start to miss his workbench.

- Mechanist has mechanical hand on his back, he mainly fight with his mech hand.

- Mechanist was able to block Saria's calcium punch with his mechanical hand, if not warned by Doctor, Mechanist claimed he could do more than just blocked Saria's fist.

- Blaze like to spreads weird rumors about Mechanist, such as his favorite drink is engine oil and when drunk, Mechanist will step on a stool and perform poetry readings. That's why Mechanist was often too hard on Blaze during the battle where Blaze was testing new weapon.

- Mechanist is strong enough to paralyze eleven Power Armor on his own

- In story, he went to face Holhaya alone because he was interested by the technology she has, unfortunately Holhaya ran away from him

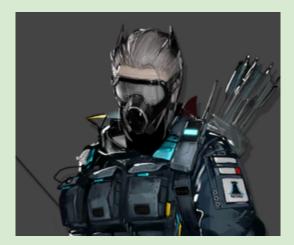
Via AK Story Log

## LOGOS

<u>Need I say more goddamn</u>

## STORMEYE

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- Sarkaz Sniper
- Knows the stories about Rangers (Originium Dust)
- Very sharp eyesight, it seems
- <u>AK Story Log</u>
  - Raid operations, emergency support
  - Born in Kazdel, left before the Civil War broke out. Didn't understand the difference in ideologies between the two sides. Was in hiding, wasn't interested in Sarkaz affairs. Somehow got infected during this time, twice in battle even, when he wandered and defended Infected
  - Obsessed w/ combat, thus dedicated in studying the art of war
  - Originally didn't appear very inclined towards Rhodes' itself but has been more active in appearing in operations meetings
  - Got recruited during a Babel intervention, Rhodes is "his answer"
- 10 year combat experience is kinda baby compared to the others LOL

PITH



- Liberi Caster
- Was against Rosmontis' induction into the Elites
- <u>AK Story Log</u>
  - The mentor (no wonder she didn't want Rosmontis to join the Elites)

- Gaulic ancestry, wanted to restore their storied past. Unfortunately got expelled / disowned / shunned on getting infected
- Joined Babel as recommended by a former Sarkaz merc friend
- Found "family" within Babel, character development in becoming less racist \o/
- "Oripathy can be cured" via shounen nakama powers (hopefully)
- No particular specialty in Arts because she can use it all (24 years combat experience), records acknowledge some of her Arts does burden her condition

#### TOUCH



- Caprinae Medic
- Voted yes to Rosmontis' induction into the Elites
- <u>AK Story Log</u>
  - 20 years of combat exp: I'm a healer, but...
  - Backbone of the medic dept
  - Expert in botany, medicine, rare originium arts; was in fact a botany lecturer back in the day
  - Rare originium arts that can restore matter to its original state, the 'midas' touch if you will (lol)
  - Bottleneck in her research and pressure led her to getting infected due to excessive amount of Originium solution
  - Travelled to Columbia under the auspices of the Maylander Foundation (the same one that brought Rosmontis to Rhodes; presumably this connection is partially why she agreed to Ros' induction), met Kal there
  - Initially declined to join Babel so as not to be involved in politics, but accepted joining Rhodes

#### SHARP



- Pythia Guard (no pointy ears, huh)
- My man, where are you...
- Appears in Break the Ice and is Tired<sup>™</sup> of Doktah's shit. A proven monster in combat
- Aurora's mentor
- <u>AK Story Log</u>
  - Guard training, high risk decapitation (?!) missions
  - Merc background, left Sargon and a pioneer squaddie to Rhodes
  - Somehow calls his merc background "ordinary" despite 20+ years of combat
  - Initially very By The Books, only does as much as is asked of him, until Rhodes' determination changed his mind and thus THE BEAST HAS BEEN UNLEASHED
  - Probably can't tell when he's actually joking until you know him well
  - Fellow combat addict with Stormeye

TULIP



- Pythia Vanguard, revealed as part of IS3: Caerula Arbor
- Skill icon has a flower, swordwork reminiscent of Irene S3
- As such, suspected to be a former Inquisitor <u>A descendant from the pirates of the golden</u> age. Leaving my theorizing here, just so that you know my thought process.
  - Iberian, seemingly familiar with Aegir to take point (Vanguard) to explore the depths of the ocean
  - Overall nice hat and cravat, rapier sword work is similar to a known Inquisitor
  - Apparently left handed?
  - Assuming she was an Inquisitor, does give a solid link to Kal's confidence of being unable to be harmed by them besides her general standing anyway

- Likely infected pending confirmation; due to devout Iberian faith stemming from Lateran teachings, she would have been outcast by them and Rhodes is her new home
- My headcanon is that she's like Zorro



• NOT an Elite! A liaison for Iberian affairs, despite their lack of office there

#### FURTHER ASSUMPTIONS

Due to Babel's involvement with the Kazdel Civil War, we might be able to assume that Sarkaz are extremely common in both the higher ranks and regular staff

# S.W.E.E.P.

A section dedicated to Ascalon, until more members are hinted at. Confirmed to be a Sarkaz woman as per W's weibo post.

Transcript masterlist <u>here</u>.



All enemies take +35% physical damage

So stealthy she has no records.



Personally gifted by Theresis, the very first weapon that Theresa installed for Ascalon after she completed her first assignment for the Military Commission.

She's an Assassin's Creed reference.



Ascalon as revealed in CH10. Always has had a CN name, so her chances of appearing has always been higher than the others.

It feels too short to warrant a proper post, so I'm putting this here for my own reference (?). Thanks for reading.